

REGIMENT OF BRITISH DISAPPEAR

King's Own Servants Charge Village and
are Lost in "Death Forest" Beyond,
Taking Place With Heroes
of Balaklava

BECOME KNOWN AS "LOST LEGION"

Captain is Among Missing; Mourning in
Many Cottages; Some Believed to Be
Prisoners of Turks But
Reports Conflict

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(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
LONDON, Feb. 16.—(By Mail.)—
"Nothing more was ever heard of them.
They charged into the forest and were
lost to sight and sound. Not one of
them ever came back."—Sir Ian Ham-
ilton's report.

It is the talk of England, the greatest
mystery of the war, the charge of the
Fifth Norfolk, the king's own serv-
ants, at Anafarta, the story of how
these 260 "ardent souls" charged on
through the village of Anafarta and
completely vanished into the "forest of
death" beyond, is history that some-
day may take its place beside that of
the immortal tale of Balaklava.

The "Lost Legion," it is called today,
but until the war is over the fate of
the men who went to battle from the
king's Sandringham estates cannot be
told. The king personally had insti-
tuted every possible inquiry. The
American embassy in Constantinople
has asked the Turkish government.
The forest through which the "Lost
Legion" swept on in Gallipoli has been
searched time and time again.

There have been found no bodies, no
graves, except two small pocketbooks,
the property of Captain William Beck,
who commanded the legion. Captain
Beck is missing with all his command.
Meantime scores of cottage homes in
the royal Sandringham estates of
West Norfolk are in mourning. Wives,
sweethearts and mothers are wearing
crepe, but despite all this there is ever
the hope that some day the boys will
come marching home.

"Perhaps they are prisoners of the
Turks; perhaps they weren't killed at
all, and perhaps"—it's the hope
against hope of the women of West
Norfolk.

The "Lost Legion" received its bat-
tle of fire before it set foot on Turk-
ish soil. It arrived off Sulva bay,
August 10 aboard the palatial Aquila,
from England. Turkish machine
guns and artillery ploughed the water
about them as they were being trans-
ported to shore, where they landed
safely and dug themselves in. Two
days later the men were ordered to
clear the Turks from Anafarta.

Colonel Beauchamp was at their
head with Captain Beck. The attack
developed rapidly. Enflamed by Turk-
ish fire, many of them dropped wound-
ed or dead, but the others swept on
through the village and into oblivion.
News has filtered through via Swit-
zerland that 13 of those who charged
through Anafarta are prisoners in
Constantinople. But it has developed
that these men fell wounded before
the mysterious darkness of the forest
was reached. Long before Gallipoli
was evacuated the mystery forest was
retaken by the Turks. This event seal-
ed the puzzle tighter than ever.

Among those who charged with Cap-
tain Beck, organizer of the legion and
for 20 years the king's estate agent,
were the king's plumber, gardener,
gamekeeper, woodman, golf foreman
and scores of men in lesser positions.
Like their fathers and their father's
fathers they had been born royal serv-
ants.

Every Sunday in all the parish
churches now prayers are said for the
safe return of the missing ones. In
every cottage is a recent message
from the king:

"I heartily sympathize with you who
are left in suspense, but I am proud
that the battalion fought so splendidly."

SCORES MAROONED.

NATCHEZ, Miss., Feb. 16.—Scores
of persons are marooned in trees and
on house-tops at Newellton by the Mis-
sissippi floods. It is reported that one
person was drowned.

EVENTS IN THE WAR ONE YEAR AGO TODAY.

German officials began her
submarine warfare. The Brit-
Dulwich was sunk without
warning and the French steam-
er Ville de Ville, with warn-
ing. Ten men on the Dulwich
were drowned.

The Allies assumed the offen-
sive on all fronts.

The Kaiser saw 50,000 Rus-
sians captured in East Prus-
sia.

DOCKET SET BY JUDGE DAVENPORT

Judge Davenport had finished the
setting of the docket, fixing the time
for trial of all cases passed at the reg-
ular January term of the county court.

Monday, February 21, is designated
as motion day, on which day the pleas
in all criminal matters must be enter-
ed, and all preliminary matters, both
civil and criminal, must be disposed
of. Judge Davenport states that all
defendants who have not plead and who
are not present to plead on motion
day will have their bonds de-
clared forfeit.

The trial of the civil docket will be
taken up Monday, March 6; the trial
of the criminal docket will begin Wed-
nesday, March 8. There are 25 cases
set for trial on the civil docket, includ-
ing motion matters set for February
21. There are 24 cases set down on
the regular criminal docket.

The civil cases are divided as fol-
lows: Motions for new trial, 2; for
additional surety, 1; to dismiss, 1; to
make more definite, 2; demurrers, 2;
attachment, 1; contract, 1; detainer,
1; on open account, on appeal, 1; for
rent on lands, 2; various interest, 1;
on appeal, 3; to secure commission,
due on sale of real estate, 1; on note,
2; damages, 1; replevin, 1; not spec-
ified, 2.

The criminal docket, containing 24
cases is divided as follows: For
transporting, 2; conveying, 3; assault
and battery, 1; unlawful possession
of liquor, 6; selling intoxicants, 6;
fighting, 1; gaming, 3; failure to work
public roads, 1; drunk in public
place, 1.

CARRANZA GOV'T GETS WEAKER

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 16.—In-
formation reaching the government
through semi-official letters says the
Carranza administration in Mexico is
"crumbling fast and is already gone,
in fact."

Advices from these sources say the
Carranza interior officials and consular
officers have not received their salar-
ies during a long interim.

It is declared that only the influence
of strong leadership is needed to touch
off a new revolution that will send the
Carranza government into oblivion.

ANOTHER PLEA OF GUILTY ENTERED

Before Judge Davenport of the
county court appeared yesterday, Thad
Turner, indicted by the grand jury on
charges of gaming, and entered a plea
of guilty and was by the court fined
in the sum of \$25 and costs.

In the matter of the State of Okla-
homa vs. Harry Block, indictment by
grand jury charges of gaming, the case
was dismissed upon payment of costs
by the defendant.

These cases had been certified to the
county court from the district court,
a recent decision of the state supreme
court having decided the law making
gaming in Oklahoma a felony was
unconstitutional. This decision render-
ed the cases simple misdemeanors.

BAY STATE CITY HAS BIG BLAZE

Third of Business District of Fall River
is Wiped Out, With Property Loss
Estimated at Million
and Half

DALLAS MAN DIES IN TORONTO FIRE

Flames Break Out Following Explosion;
Incendiarism Suspected and Tectonic
Plots Rumored; Two Perish in
Fire in Michigan Town

By United Press.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Feb. 16.—A
fire which started from an explosion
in the basement of the building occu-
pied by a department store here last
night, destroyed approximately one-
third of the business district of the
city before it could be checked.

The combined apparatus of the Fall
River, New Bedford, Taunton and New-
port fire departments were called into
service this morning. One fireman is
reported to have been electrocuted.

The loss is estimated at a million
and a half. The Lenox hotel and many
tenements were destroyed, many of the
occupants being forced to flee in their
night clothes.

Toronto Has Fire.

By United Press.

TORONTO, Feb. 16.—P. I. Hurston
of Dallas, Tex., was killed and two
other persons were injured as a result
of a fire which destroyed the Ameri-
can club building here this morning.
The blaze followed an explosion
which is said to have been of incen-
diary origin. Rumors of tectonic plots
are in circulation.

Hurston was a guest at the club.
He was trapped in his room, where he
perished.

Edward Johnson, a care taker, in an
adjoining room, and Captain A. R.
Maird, paymaster of the American
legion of Canadian forces, who was
staying at the club, was seriously hurt.
The loss is placed at \$50,000.

Michigan Town Is Swept.

By United Press.
MIDLAND, Mich., Feb. 16.—One
woman and one man perished, being
caught by falling walls, when fire
swept the business district of this city
this morning.

The Knights of Pythias temple and
four business blocks were destroyed.
The loss of property is estimated at
\$80,000.

FOR CLERK OF COURTS

Farmer, life-long Democrat and res-
ident of this section for nearly four-
teen years, W. S. (Billy) Thompson
of Agawam has entered the race for
the Democratic nomination for court
clerk of Grady county.

Mr. Thompson was born on a farm
and worked through a number of sum-
mers to pay his way through school;
attending Lenox college at Hopkinton,
Ia., and Dixon Business and Normal
school, Dixon, Ill. In 1902 he settled
on a claim in Caddo county, west of
Minco, where he lived four years and
then moved to Brownsville, Tex., where
he spent two years. Returning
to Grady county he located at Agawam,
where he has since been engaged in
the mercantile and farming business
and also filling the position of post-
master up to a short time ago. About
a year ago he disposed of his store
and is now devoting his attention en-
tirely to farming and stock raising.

In a statement addressed to the
voters, Mr. Thompson says:

"If elected, I will consider myself
your hired man and will not run the
office by proxy, but will do my best
to conduct the office in the most econ-
omical way (we all know taxes are high
enough). I want it understood that I
am running for this office on my own
merits and qualifications and not on
the demerits and disqualifications of
other aspirants and to the best knowl-

RESCUERS OF MANY ARMENIANS



United States Consul and Mrs. Jesse B. Jackson in the parlor of the
American consulate at Aleppo, Syria. The Armenians say that it was solely
owing to the energetic action of Mr. Jackson, who adopted a strong atti-
tude with the Turkish military authorities, that thousands of Armenian
lives in Aleppo and in the surrounding regions were saved. Mrs. Jackson
is a great favorite in the highest social circles in Aleppo. During the mas-
sacres of the Armenians, the rooms at the American consulate were packed
with Christians. Mr. Jackson's home is in Paulding, O.

STEAMERS DESTROYED BY FLAMES

Two Vessels Burned and Others Damaged
at Brooklyn Pier; Laden With Inflam-
mable Material; Seaman Has
Thrilling Escape

By United Press.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—The steamers
Bolton, Castle and Pacific were de-
stroyed, other vessels were damaged
and the pier of the New York-Dock
company at Brooklyn was ruined by a
fire which originated in the short-cir-
cuiting of wires in the office of the
dock company this morning.

One member of the crew of the Pacific
is missing. The total loss is
placed at \$4,000,000.

One member of the crew of the Pacific
was trapped by the flames and
climbed a 50-foot mast. A fire tug
shot him a rope from a gun used by
fire guards and he knotted the end
about the mast, sliding to safety.

The Bolton Castle was loaded with
paraffine and gasoline oils, and the Pacific
was half full of the same cargo.
Both ships were reported to be in the
Russian service.

The steamer Bellagio was also
caught by the fire but was saved.

Captain Smith of the Bolton Castle,
his wife and 25 coolies, who jumped
into the water were rescued by fire-
men. Seventy survivors escaped with-
out clothes.

LUSITANIA PROPOSAL DELIVERED

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 16.—Ambas-
sador Bernstorff at noon today de-
livered to Secretary Lansing the latest
note of Germany containing proposals
relative to the Lusitania case.

It is understood that the disposition
of the matter is now up to President
Wilson. In the event that a settlement
of the controversy is reached, it is
understood that no formal announce-
ment will be made until Ambassador
Bernstorff cables to his government.

edge they are all worthy of considera-
tion. I detest dirty-mud-slinging tac-
tics and I want to win this nomination
on a clean manner or I do not want it
at all. A herd of milk cows demand
my attention regularly about twice a
day, but I expect to have the pleasure
of meeting you personally in the near
future."

FORMER GRADY CO. MAN GONE

Relatives Report Jolly Jones Missing Since
Christmas; Disappears Following Visit
to Fort Worth and Search So
Far is Futile

Jolly J. Jones, well known in Chick-
asha and at one time a resident of
the vicinity of Amber, but of later
years a citizen of Opalin, Callahan
county, Texas, is reported by mem-
bers of his family as still being on the mis-
sing list, following his mysterious dis-
appearance in Fort Worth sometime
during the Christmas holidays.

Jo Kerkendall, father-in-law of Mr.
Jones, stated this morning that when
Mr. Jones left Chickasha during the
latter part of December, 1915, prac-
tically all trace of him was lost.

According to the statements of mem-
bers of the family Jolly J. Jones came
to Chickasha on business connected
with real estate holdings some of his
children yet have in the Amber neigh-
borhood. Having attended to this busi-
ness Mr. Jones expressed his inten-
tion of returning to his home in Cal-
lahan county, traveling via Fort Worth
Jones is said to have purchased a tick-
et for Fort Worth at the Rock Island
station here; to have entrained for the
Texas city here and to have been
seen once or twice after having ar-
rived in Fort Worth.

Failure to show up at his home with-
in a reasonable time following his de-
parture from Chickasha led members
of his family to institute inquiries at
Fort Worth. Since the first of the
present year the authorities, the po-
lice and sheriff's officers, have comb-
ed the Texas city in a thorough search
for the missing man, but all to no
avail.

It is said that at the time of his dis-
appearance Mr. Jones had very little
money in his possession. This prac-
tically eliminates the theory that the
man met foul play. It is understood
that officers may advance the theory
that Jones, in a fit of temporary aberra-
tion, wandered off and disappeared
and that he may be heard from, alive
and well, at almost any time and from
almost any place.

LAST RITES OVER BODY OF DR. STEELE

The body of Dr. P. H. Steele, grand
instructor of Odd Fellows for the state
of Oklahoma, was laid to rest yester-
day afternoon in the Odd Fellows cem-
tery in Chickasha.

Dr. Steele died at his home at Ad-
dington Sunday morning. He was
buried in Chickasha, pursuant to his
many times expressed wish, with the
ritualistic ceremonies of Odd Fellow-
ship, Rev. J. A. Old delivering the

prayer over the grave.
Grand Master E. E. Norville of
Wynnewood and Grand Secretary G.
W. Bruce of Guthrie attended the
funeral and conducted the ritual cere-
monies. The floral offerings were
many and were most beautiful.

Deceased is survived by a widow and
one son. He had been a resident of this
section of Oklahoma for the past five-
teen years. He was a soldier in the
union army during the war and was
a member of the G. A. R.

NO ENDORSEMENT FOR ROOT.

By United Press.
NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—The resolu-
tions committee of the state Republi-
can convention today denied to Elihu
Root an endorsement for the Republi-
can presidential nomination.

CITY HALL IN CHICAGO MENACED

By United Press.

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—A supposedly
incendiary fire was discovered this
morning in the city hall, near the
chemical laboratory.

In the laboratory were the poisons
that were found in the room of Jean
Cronos, the alleged principal anar-
chist in the soup plot. The poisons
had been taken for analysis.

A quart bottle of oil was found in
a cloak room on the seventh floor near
the laboratory.

The flames were spreading over the
room when they were discovered by
Dr. R. M. Phillips, who was on duty
in the laboratory. Firemen extin-
guished the blaze with small loss.

RUSS TAKE GREAT TURK FORTRESS

By United Press.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 16.—The great
Turkish fortress of Erzerum, which
has stopped the Russian invasion in
previous wars, was taken by the army
commanded by the Grand Duke Nichol-
as, it is reported today.

The Turkish garrison, numbering
160,000 men, was captured, it is
claimed.

It is believed that this victory opens
the way for a great spring advance
of the Russians through Eastern Armenia
which will perhaps force Turkey to
sue for peace.

PETITION IS DENIED BY COURT

By United Press.

DALLAS, Tex., Feb. 16.—The Gould
interests lost the first skirmish in their
battle to retain control of the Texas
and Pacific road in the federal court
here today when Judge Meek denied
the petition of stockholders of the com-
pany filed late yesterday, seeking to
intervene against the receivership that
is asked by the New York Trust com-
pany.

The court ruled that inasmuch as the
stockholders and officials of the road
were in accord in fighting the receiver-
ship, the former had no legal right
to representation in the case as their
interests would be protected by counsel
for the officials.

WEATHER FORECAST.

For Oklahoma.

Tonight and Thursday, fair.

Local Temperature.

For the twenty-four hours ending 8
a. m. today:

Maximum, 59 degrees.

Minimum, 28 degrees.

FOUR MORE MEMBERS APPOINTED

Development Department of Bureau is Com-
plete with Naming of Johnson, Dwyer,
Hutson and Johns; Cook
is Chairman

TO MAKE CHICKASHA BETTER TOWN, OBJECT

Suggestions are Invited; Beautification of
City is Part of Program; Make Vacant
Lots Bloom; College Matter
is Considered

W. H. Gilkey, president of the Com-
mercial and Farm bureau, today an-
nounced the appointment of four mem-
bers of the Development department
of the bureau, in addition to Jonas
Cook, who was chosen to lead the de-
partment at the last meeting of the
board of directors. The selections of
Mr. Gilkey were as follows:

T. H. Dwyer, president of the Chick-
asha National bank.

Ed F. Johns, cashier of the Citizen's
National bank.

Ben F. Johnson, vice president of
the First National bank.

L. C. Hutson, general manager of the
Indianapolis gas.

It is expected that all matters per-
taining to the advancement of Chick-
asha coming before the bureau will be
referred to these five men, who have
also been charged with the responsi-
bility of "starting things" on their own
account.

"As I understand it," said Jonas
Cook, the chairman, "our duty is to
do everything that we can do to make
Chickasha a better town in which to
live and to make our town more pros-
perous, commercially and industrially.
We want it distinctly understood that
we are at all times open to receive sug-
gestions from anybody. If you know
of anything that should and can be
done, place it before some member of
the Development department."

"One thing that we want to push
particularly this season is the matter
of beautifying the city and to this end
we want to encourage the movement
among the teachers and school chil-
dren for making gardens on the vacant
lots. We urge all the teachers to pre-
sent this matter to their pupils with a
view to getting them interested. Mayor
Coffman has expressed himself as very
keen in favor of the idea and is going
to do all he can to help carry it out."

"I am told that last year in the
town of Edmond the streets and even
the alleys everywhere blossomed with
flowers and it was all the work of
the school children. We can do the
same thing here and now is the best
time to get the work under way."

Mr. Cook said a number of other mat-
ters affecting the general welfare of
the city would be taken up by him
and his associates at once, including
the college dormitory problem.

Mr. Cook is planning to call an early
meeting of his committee for the pur-
pose of going over general conditions
and formulating plans.



W. S. (BILLY) THOMPSON
of Agawam, Candidate
for Court Clerk.